

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1105 - SB 1769

March 2, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Grants a parent the right to legal representation at all stages of any proceeding within the juvenile courts involving abuse, dependency, or neglect of a juvenile, or the termination of parental rights.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Local Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant

Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Current law states an adult is entitled to legal representation for proceedings within the juvenile courts involving child abuse prosecutions, contributing to the delinquency or unruly behavior of a minor, violation of compulsory school attendance, contempt, abuse, dependency, or neglect, or termination of parental rights.
- The proposed legislation establishes that only parents are entitled to proceedings involving abuse, dependency, neglect, or termination of parental rights.
- Any changes to the entitled representation of parties by legal counsel in juvenile court proceedings will not have a significant impact on expenditures or revenue of the local courts.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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